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USE IN HETEROGENEOUS DETECTION METHODS

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO PATENT OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 18, 2002

Sir:

Further to Applicant's November 28, 2001 Amendment and in response to the  
February 19, 2002 Patent Office Paper, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Twice Amended) Method for the detection of an analyte in a sample,  
comprising the steps:

(a) preparing a solid phase on which a conjugate of a poly(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)-alkylene  
oxide and an analyte-specific reactant that interacts with the analyte has been applied  
such that the conjugate is immobilized,

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